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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OTTER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 18, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God of Redemption, humanly we are always in search for freedom. Sometimes oppression comes from outside ourselves; sometimes our limitations are from within. Your spirit alone sets us internally free to realize peace.

The Mosaic Passover and Exodus and the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection help us interpret how You always lead Your people through suffering and death to the everlasting freedom You promise.

Enable Members of Congress to enter by faith into the approaching feasts and experience the mysterious promise You present to us today. Guide them with an integrity of life and good judgment to lead Your people to greater and lasting freedom.

Some people need to be freed of sickness and hunger; some need to be freed of injustice and terrorism. Some are caught in their own patterns of prejudice and revenge; some are desperate because of their anger and greed. In subtle yet profound ways, Lord, Your spirit can free people from self-interest, loneliness and compulsions. In

Your own way, bring all beyond their imagining to the fulfillment of Your promise within them.

Renew America these days in a new moral consciousness that will have the world respect us once again as the land of the free and the home of the brave, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1372. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

S. 2019. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002.

COMMUNICATION FROM FORMER STAFF ASSISTANT TO THE HONORABLE JIM MCCRERY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Jennifer Lawrence, former staff assistant to the Honorable JIM MCCRERY, Member of Congress:

MARCH 14, 2002.

Hon. DENNIS J. HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for trial testimony issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana in a criminal case pending there.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,
JENNIFER LAWRENCE,
Former Staff Assistant to Congressman
Jim McCrery of Louisiana.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2019. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002, was referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, March 19, 2002, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5914. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cranberries Grown

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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in the States of Massachusetts, et al.; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-929-3 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5915. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-993-3 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5916. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nectarines Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-916-2 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5917. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-948-3 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5918. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-987-1 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5919. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-931-1 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5920. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Modifications to the Rules and Regulations Under the Tart Cherry Marketing Order [Docket No. FV01-930-3 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5921. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Watermelon Research and Promotion Plan; Subpart D—Referendum Procedures [FV-01-701 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5922. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Relaxation of Pack Requirements [Docket No. FV02-920-1 IFR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5923. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve percentages for 2000-01 Crop Natural (Sun-Dried) Seedless and Zante Currant Raisins [Docket No. FV01-989-3 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5924. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tobacco Inspection; Producer Referenda on Mandatory Grading [Docket No. TB-02-03] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5925. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the

Department's final rule—Tobacco Inspection; Growers' Referendum Results [Docket No. TB-00-23] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5926. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Referendum Procedures [FV-01-706-FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5927. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Limes Grown in Florida and Imported Limes; Suspension of Regulations [Docket No. FV01-911-2 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5928. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Winter Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; The Establishment of a Supplemental Rate of Assessment for the Beurre d'Anjou Variety of Pears and of a Definition for Organically Produced Pears [Docket No. FV01-927-1 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5929. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Reporting Requirements for Imported Hazelnuts [Docket No. FV01-982-3 FR] received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5930. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Extensions of Payments of Principal and Interest (RIN: 0572-AB60) received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5931. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticide Tolerance Processing Fees [OPP-30118; FRL-6774-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received March 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5932. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for FY 2003 budget amendments for the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Labor, Transportation, and the Treasury; the Environmental Protection Agency; and the Federal Emergency Management Agency; (H. Doc. No. 107-189); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

5933. A letter from the Vice Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a statement with respect to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Brazil U.S. exports to Turkey, Mongolia, the Czech Republic, and Brazil, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5934. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Technical Amendment [OH132-4; FRL-7155-2] received March 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5935. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation for Public Water Systems; Establishment of Reporting Date

[FRL-7157-3] received March 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5936. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Solvent Extraction for Vegetable Oil Production [FRL-7155-9] received March 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5937. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2001," pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2151n(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

5938. A letter from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting the report to waive deduction of pay requirement for a reemployed annuitant; to the Committee on Government Reform.

5939. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for the Buena Vista Lake shrew (*Sorex ornatus relictus*) (RIN: 1018-AG04) received March 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5940. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries, 2002 Specifications [Docket No. 011109274-1301-02; I.D. 102501B] (RIN: 0648-AP06) received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5941. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Withdrawal of the Federal Designated Use for Shields Gulch in Idaho [FRL-7157-1] received March 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5942. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Fee Schedule for Payment of Ambulance Services and Revisions to the Physician Certification Requirements for Coverage of Nonemergency Ambulance Services [HCFA-1002-FC] (RIN: 0938-AK30) received March 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Filed on March 15, 2002]

Mr. NUSSLE: Committee on the Budget. House Concurrent Resolution 353. Resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2003 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2007 (Rept. 107-376). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. S. 1622. An act to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert